

57. A method of producing a mammalian protein or polypeptide having the ability to bind the cytoplasmic region of CD40 receptor, which comprises: a) growing the host cell of claim 56 under suitable conditions such that the nucleic acid is transcribed and translated into protein and b) purifying said protein.

CONCLUSION

Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900 should the examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of the either the '577 application or the '556 application.

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